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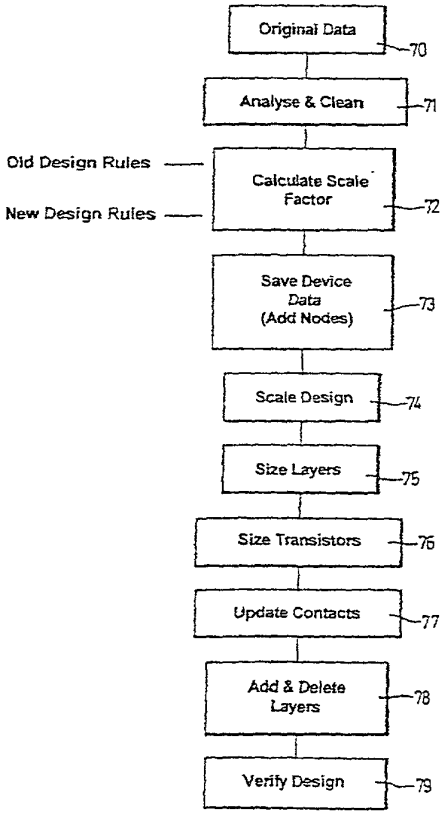

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a method of modifying an integrated circuit, the method including the steps of selecting a scaling factor (72), scaling the circuit (74) according to the scaling factor, and adjusting the circuit for functionality and design rule compliance (75-78). The method makes it possible to scale a circuit without losing functionality or destroying the hierarchy of the circuit.

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